



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: HINTENLANG et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3676  
Examiner: Vishal Patel  
Title: SEALING RING  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.